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PRIVACY SCREEN FOR A DISPLAY

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A privacy screen for a display (e.g., a LCD) that comprises a
polarizing film and a birefringent film is described. The privacy screen
transmits substantial amounts of light emanating from the display in an
orthogonal (or near-orthogonal) direction while not transmitting substantial
amounts of horizontal, non-orthogonal light emanating from the display. In
this manner, a privacy effect results in that the display is viewable by
10 someone only when that someone is essentially directly in front of the
display.